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I am submitting my personal comment regarding the Microsoft settlement.

As a common computer user and as a common American citizen my strongest feeling regarding the settlement is pointed at the monopoly factor. If a competitive market can't be up held here in the United States, then where? If this is what we stand for then why, in a most visible display, are we strangling our growth in technologies? It is in these points that we fail, fall behind, and shoot ourselves in the foot? Competition creates better product and technology. Microsoft's product line is an example of how a none competitive arena create mediocrity. Stricter guidelines and punishment should be assessed to reflect the business it is changing. Not enough is being done to open the arena of a competitive market.

God Bless America.